

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the following claims in place of the pending claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disk motor comprising:  
an armature disk, which is rotatably mounted and provided with permanent magnets,  
and with a stator comprising a stator plate which is equipped with coils, wherein  
an annular soft-magnetic prestressing device is arranged concentrically on the stator  
plate in such a manner that at least one section of the prestressing device is located  
below the coil window of the coils in the axial direction, and wherein the prestressing  
device has a radial width which is less than or equal to the radial width of the coil  
window.
2. (Previously Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the stator plate is  
of a non-magnetic material.
3. (Currently Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the annular  
prestressing device comprises a ~~closed~~ prestressing ring.
4. (Previously Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the annular  
prestressing device comprises at least one ring segment.
5. (Currently Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the armature disk  
supports an annular flux-return element ~~opposite which~~ located radially opposite the  
annular prestressing device ~~is located in the radial direction.~~
6. (Previously Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the prestressing  
device has a cross-sectional contour that guides the magnetic lines of electric flux from  
the annular flux-return element to the coil window.

7. (Previously Amended) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the cross-section of the prestressing device becomes wider in the direction of the coil window.
8. (Previously Amended) A disk motor as claimed in claim 6, wherein the prestressing device has a stepped cross-sectional contour.
9. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the annular prestressing device comprises a prestressing ring.
10. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the annular prestressing device comprises at least one ring segment.
11. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the armature disk supports an annular flux-return element located radially opposite the annular prestressing device.
12. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the armature disk supports an annular flux-return element located radially opposite the annular prestressing device.
13. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the prestressing device has a cross-sectional contour that guides the magnetic lines of electric flux from the annular flux-return element to the coil window.
14. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the cross-section of the prestressing device becomes wider in the direction of the coil window.
15. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the prestressing device has a stepped cross-sectional contour.
16. (New) A disk motor as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the prestressing device has a stepped cross-sectional contour.